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SUBJECT: IEA: SLT MEETINGS OF NOVEMBER 2-3

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1. CHAIRMAN'S NOTE (REF B), PROVIDED GOVERNING BOARD A PAPER INCORPORATING: A) IDENTIFICATION OF PRINCIPAL ISSUES REQUIRING POLITICAL DECISIONS; B) PROCEDURES TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE LONG-TERM COOPERATION MEASURES TO REDUCE OIL IMPORTS TO AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL, AND C) A TIMETABLE FOR COMPLETION OF THE PROCESS. SLT ALSO FORWARDED TO GB FOR INFORMATION A NON-TECHNICAL REPORT (SLT ROOM DOCUMENT NO. 4) BRINGING TOGETHER ENERGY DEMAND AND SUPPLY PROJECTIONS PROVIDED BY MEMBER COUNTRIES WHICH FORECASTS IEA NET OIL IMPORT DEPENDENCE OF 23-24 MMBD BY 1985. THESE DOCUMENTS AND LONG-TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT FINDINGS WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR NOVEMBER 8-9 GOVERNING BOARD DECISION ON PROCESS AND TIMETABLE FOR ESTABLISHING OBJECTIVES FOR THE REDUCTION OF IEA DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTED OIL.

2. THE CHAIRMAN'S NOTE WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE TO SLT DELEGATES THOUGH CERTAIN ISSUES REMAINED UNRESOLVED:
A) NATURE OF COMMITMENT: I) POLITICAL COMMITMENT TO

REDUCED DEPENDENCE OBJECTIVES AND NATIONAL MEASURES NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THEM OR II) A WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING NATIONAL MEASURES;
B) NATIONAL OBJECTIVES: I) QUANTIFIED NATIONAL OBJECTIVES, II) NO NATIONAL OBJECTIVES BUT QUANTIFIED NATIONAL MEASURES OR III) NON-QUANTIFIED NATIONAL MEASURES AND,
C) NEED FOR MINISTERIAL MEETING: I) AGREE TO MEETING WHEN PROCESS IS INITIATED OR II) CONSIDER MEETING ONLY
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AFTER PROCESS IS UNDERWAY.

----- GREECE, NETHERLANDS, ITALY, AUSTRIA, DENMARK, BELGIUM, AND SWITZERLAND GAVE STRONG SUPPORT TO US POSITION AS OUTLINED IN CHAIRMAN'S NOTE. THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS ABOUT UNDERTAKING SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS TO NATIONAL MEASURES AND BELIEVE THE PROCESS SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO MAKING RECOMMEND-

ATIONS TO GOVERNMENTS: FRG, UK, CANADA, JAPAN, NEW ZEALAND, SWEDEN, IRELAND, SPAIN, AND NORWAY.

3. FULL TREATMENT OF ISSUES, PROCEDURE AND TIMETABLE ARE INCLUDED IN CHAIRMAN'S NOTE (REF B).

4. SLT RECOMMENDED FOLLOWING 1977 IEA CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES TO GOVERNING BOARD FOR APPROVAL: A) TO HOLD TOTAL PRIMARY ENERGY REQUIREMENTS TO APPROXIMATELY 70 MMBD OF OIL EQUIVALENCE OR 10 PERCENT MORE THAN IN 1973 AND B) TO HOLD OIL CONSUMPTION TO 35 MMBD OR ONLY 3 PERCENT MORE THAN IN 1973. (THE US SHARE OF THESE OBJECTIVES IS 38.3 MMBD OF OIL EQUIVALENCE (TPE) AND 17.3 MMBD OF OIL CONSUMPTION.)

5. SLT POSTPONED CONSIDERATION OF 1980/85 OBJECTIVES PENDING GB RESOLUTION ON REDUCED DEPENDENCE OBJECTIVES. SWITZERLAND GAVE PROGRESS REPORT ON RISK ANALYSIS STUDY. STUDY WILL EVALUATE THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL IMPACTS OF A POSSIBLE SHORTAGE OF OIL TAKING INTO ACCOUNT NATIONAL STUDIES ALREADY UNDERTAKEN. THE FIRST MEETING OF EXPERTS WILL TAKE PLACE IN PARIS, DECEMBER 1-3. CHAIRMAN OF THE R&D SYSTEMS ANALYSIS GROUP BRIEFED SLT ON STATUS OF EFFORTS AIMED AT DEVELOPING AN IEA R&D STRATEGY. THE STRATEGY WILL ATTEMPT: A) TO IDENTIFY ENERGY RESOURCE BASE OF EACH COUNTRY, B) TO ANALYZE TECHNOLOGIES AND DETERMINE WHEN THEY ENTER MARKET, C) TO INTRODUCE NEW TECHNOLOGIES INTO SYSTEM, D) TO IDENTIFY STRATEGIC APPROACHES FOR OPTIMUM ENERGY MIX, E) TO SUGGEST INTERNATIONAL R&D STRATEGIES. SLT CHAIRMEN ENCOURAGED CONTINUED CLOSE CONSULTATION

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6. THE NEXT SLT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR EARLY DECEMBER PENDING GB RESOLUTION OF THE REDUCED DEPENDENCE PROCESS AND TIMETABLE. KISSINGER

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